

COMMON COUNCIL

February 14, 2022

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on February 14, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 301 East Clinton Street, Frankfort, Indiana.

Mayor Judy Sheets called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mayor Judy Sheets, Steve Beardsley, Mike Brite, Brandt Fuller, Joe Palmer, Megan Sheets, Clarence Warthan, and Eric Woods. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Les Bergum.

MINUTES: The minutes for the January 24, 2022, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Sheets made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Brite. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 22-01:

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:03 PM and opened a public hearing to discuss any comments or questions about the proposed additional appropriations. There were no comments or questions, Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing at 7:05 PM and reopened the council meeting.

ORDINANCE 22-01: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 22-01

Councilmember Warthan made a motion to pass ordinance 22-01 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 22-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE NO. 21-15 SETTING THE SALARIES AND HOURLY WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CIVIL CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 22-02 on second and third reading, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

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OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

Street Department Superintendent Jason Forsythe spoke to the council about his staffing issues and asked them to approve his department keeping a current employee as a part-time worker in addition to adding the three new additional full-time positions. Councilmember Fuller made a motion to allow the employee to remain with the street department as a part-time employee, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Forsythe informed the council that the purchase of a new one-ton truck for the street department is on hold due to the chip situation. He will update the council as the situation changes. He also informed the council that a portion of McKinley Avenue has become damaged due to the increased construction traffic and he has been in contact with INDOT and they may assist with the repairs.

RESOLUTION 22-01: A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA APPROVING CERTAIN MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE AMENDMENT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA AND PLAN.

City attorney Les Bergum informed the council that this resolution approves the declaratory resolution approved by the Frankfort Redevelopment Commission regarding the bond issue for the aquatic center. Councilmember Warthan made a motion to pass resolution 22-01, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Sheets addressed the council about the use of American Rescue Plan funds for the police station and aquatic center project. Per Les Bergum, the final decision regarding the funds from the Treasury department will go into effect on April 22, 2022. The council took no action at this time.

Les Bergum address the council regarding the redistricting of council districts for 2022 based on the results of the ten-year census. After a brief discussion, the council decided to take no action at this time.

Chamber of Commerce Director Shan Sheridan spoke to the council about the monies awarded from the READI grant. He advised the council that changes will be made to their plans due to the amount received and will update the council going forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Palmer moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 7:52 P.M.